NOES—23.

1	Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar	12	Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
2	,, P. Chidambaram Pillai	13	,, M. N. Nair
3	,, A. S. Damodaran Asan	14	,, K. A. Narayana Pillai
4	,, A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)	15	,, Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
5	,, K. R. Elenkath	16	,, S. Nilakanta Pillai
6	,, S. J. Nair	17	,, Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
7	,, K. P. Krishna Menon	18	,, Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai
8	,, Pottayil S. Krishna Panicker	19	,, M. Sivatanu Pillai
9	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai	20	,, A. Thanu Pillai
10	,, Puthupaili S. Krishna Pillai	21	,, S. Thiraviam Nadar
11	,, T. Krishna Pillai	22	,, V. K. Velappan Nair
		23	,, T. P. Velayudhan Pillai

NEUTRALS—5.

1	Mr. A. Easwara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)	3	Mr. K. M. Kuriakose
2	,, T. S. Jayantan Nambootiri	4	,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai
		5	,, N. E. Varughese

The motion was declared carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND III.—ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*) : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 24,87,608 under Demand III—Public Works—Electrical Department.

Motion No. 252.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): സർ, എലക്ട്രിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറ വകയ്ക്കു നീക്കിവച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഫ ൻ, ൦ ന൦ രൂപായിൽനിന്നും ഒരു രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നതു്, എലക്ട്രിക്ക് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ അധ്യക്ഷതക്കു കൂടുതൽ പ്രോത്സാഹനം ഉദ്യോഗവിഷയത്തിൽ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുവാനാണു്. ഒരു പുതിയ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ സ്ഥാപിക്കുമ്പോൾ അവിടെ അധ്യക്ഷതർക്കു കൂടുതൽ പ്രോത്സാഹനം കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ആ ഡിപ്പാർമെൻറ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷനു വേണ്ടിടത്തോളം സൌകര്യമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു് തക്കമറ സംഗതിയാണു്. മറ്റു ഏതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലായാലും ഒരു പുതിയ നിയമനം ഉണ്ടാക്കുമ്പോൾ അടുത്ത അവകാശികൾ ധാരാളമായികാണും.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I raise a point of order. May I know from the member whether he is speaking of the establishment or the whole department? I wish to know whether he is in order and whether a cut motion—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Joseph is on his legs. My ruling is that he is in order.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I beg to submit that I want a ruling from the Chair whether I am entitled to raise a point of order when another member is speaking; and I want to point out to the attention of the Chair to Rule 27 where it is stated—

"Any member may at any time submit a point of order for the decision of the President or other person presiding but, in doing so, shall confine himself to stating the point".

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I have read the Section and I remember it. I passed the ruling on the points raised by Mr. Asan. My ruling was definite and clear that Mr. Joseph was in order.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Whether, when a cut motion is moved under a particular head under establishment a member can refer to the whole department, is my point.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I have already given my ruling with regard to that. I find the wording of Mr. John Joseph's motion is to reduce the allotment of the establishment by Re. 1. He is speaking only of the admission of the members of depressed classes in the establishment of the department. There are, I take, officers of various grades in the department and they have headquarters in the mofussil places. I hold that Mr. John Joseph or anybody else is competent to talk on that subject.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇലക്ട്രിക്കൽഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള ഒഴികഴിവുകൾ ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ്മന്ത്രിക്കു പറയാൻ പാടില്ല.ഇപ്പോൾ അധഃകൃതർക്കു ചില പ്രോത്സാഹനങ്ങൾ ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി വിസ്മരിക്കത്തക്കതല്ലെങ്കിലും ഹൈഡ്രോഇലക്ട്രിക്കൽ സ്കീം നടപ്പിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെയും കൊല്ലത്തെ ഇലക്ട്രിക്കൽ വക്ക്സിലും അധഃകൃതരെ ക്ലർക്കൽ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾ കൊടുത്തു പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ എൻറെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഉദ്യോഗവിഷയത്തിൽ അധഃകൃതർ ക്രൂടതൽ പിന്നോക്കം നിന്ന് അവശത അനുഭവിക്കുന്നവരാണെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനും നാട്ടുകാർക്കും നല്ലപോലെ അറിയാവുന്നതാണ്.

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[Mr. T T. Kesavan Sastry]

ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിലെ സഹായം ക്രമേണ ഉണ്ടായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എങ്കിലും പുതിയ പുതിയ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾക്കു സൌകര്യം വന്നു ചേരുന്ന ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽ അവർക്കു കൂടുതൽ പ്രോത്സാഹനവും പ്രവേശനവും നൽകുന്നകാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനായി അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പ്രസ്തുത ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുകയും അന്യഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽ എന്നപോലെ ഇലക്ട്രിക്കു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലും പുതിയതായി ഉണ്ടാകാൻ പോകുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങളിൽ കൂടുതൽ പ്രോത്സാഹനം അധഃകൃതപുലയർക്കും പറയർക്കും മറ്റും നൽകണമെന്നും ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേയും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുമേലധികാരിയുടേയും ശ്രദ്ധ പ്രത്യേകമുണ്ടാകേണ്ടതാണെന്നു പ്രബോധിപ്പിക്കുകയും സഹായത്തെ അർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): It is a matter for the Government to look with special interest at the applicants from communities who are backward and unrepresented in the public service of the State. Government have some sort of preference in the matter of appointments. But there are some Departments where qualified applicants for posts do not get their proper share of appointments. With regard to the Electrical Department, no technical qualification is necessary in the case of clerical posts and therefore there is scope there also to appoint persons from among the backward communities as clerks. As far as I am concerned, I am not a lover of communal representation in season and out of season. But I want only communal justice. That justice is not being meted out to members of the unrepresented communities. There are certain officials who behave quite ungentlemanly towards applicants for posts in their departments.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You cannot use that word 'ungentlemanly'.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): It is only a passing reference, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I would like to know from the member whether any official behaved ungentlemanly towards applicants?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question need not be answered.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): As far as the Muslims are concerned, I have nothing to say: though my humble submission is to mete out at least communal justice when the question of appointment comes.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is there any answer from the official member?

MR K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): Sir, for the information of the member who has moved the motion, I may state that I have been very liberal in the matter of entertaining members of the depressed classes in my department; and I have so far provided for more than half a dozen of them in the department. One

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of them, I am glad to say, is in the clerical staff, while 3 are in the executive, of these three, one is a qualified hand. As far as I am concerned, I am trying my best to encourage them to fill up the subordinate ranks. I shall keep this policy in view in future also. In the light of my statement, I hope the member will withdraw his motion.

MR. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഞാൻ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം ഞാൻ മുമ്പുതന്നെ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഇലക്ട്രിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽ കൂടുതൽ പ്രോത്സാഹനങ്ങളും അധികതുക കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതെങ്കിലും കൂടുതൽ ശ്രദ്ധ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റേയും മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്റേയും മനസ്സിൽ ഉദിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടിമാത്രമാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം കൊണ്ടുവന്നത്. ആ ഉദ്ദേശത്തെ മനസ്സിലാക്കി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ വേണ്ടതു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the House permit him to withdraw the motion?

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motions No. 253 to 255

The following motions were not moved:

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

253. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for Superintendent.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI:

254. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,055 for contingencies by Re. 1.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

255. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 93,400 for Trivandrum Electric Supply and Telephone under Debt Heads—Investments on Reproductive Works by Rs. 5.

Motion No. 256.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I beg to move:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,35,075 for working Expences by Re. 1.

My object is to point out that the post of an additional Executive Officer, temporarily for three years, is unnecessary. All that is seen from the budget is that the Electrical Engineer's salary will be charged to Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme and the new officer is to be appointed under the Trivandrum Electric Supply. Sir, it is not clear how this new officer is necessary. I find that there is a Superintendent on Rs. 250 to 400, that is an officer of the Assistant Engineer's grade to be in charge of the Trivandrum Electric supply. And there is also a Superintendent on Rs 200 at Quilon. Now the point is that these officers should be able to manage these schemes under the direction and control

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of the Electrical Engineer. No doubt the Electrical Engineer has to attend to the construction of the works in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Schemes. But then he has to satisfy the House with the necessity for the creation of this new office. I am not at all satisfied that the officer proposed to be appointed is necessary. It is true that it is only temporary for three years. In the case of Trivandrum and Quilon, both these works are under the control of a Superintendent in each station. As for the Trivandrum Electrical works there has already been a Superintendent for some years past or ever since, the starting of the scheme. Under the circumstances, I think, the Electrical Engineer should be in a position to see to the working of the Trivandrum and Quilon Electric supply without the help of the Executive Engineer. So I make my motion.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalcala n I*): I second the motion.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): Sir, the creation of this Executive Engineer is only to replace the present Electrical Engineer whose headquarters wi l be at Munnar, temporarily, till the construction of the Pal.ivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme is complete. By the creation of this Executive Engineer, the position in regard to the administration of the Trivandrum Electric Scheme will be exactly the same as it was for the last four years The officer in charge of the Trivandrum Scheme is responsible for the maintenance of the Telephone in addition to the maintenance of a large number of Government buildings and institutions To entrust to an Assistant Engineer the maintenance of those works involving an annual expenditure of about 2½ lakhs of rupees and also involving a collection of revenue about 2 lakhs of rupees and making him completely responsible for the expenditure and revenue, is certainly not correct. Because, the Assistant Engineer is the officer who prepares the estimates, carries on the work and closes the accounts connected with it and if an officer of the grade of an Executive Engineer is appointed, he will be made to take all the responsibility of supervision and control over all works now carried on by the Assistant Engineer.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*K ttd m I*): May I know from the member what is the approximate amount that is dealt with by an Assistant Engineer of the P. W. D?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): An Assistant Engineer's allotment entirely depends upon the size of the Sub-Division under his jurisdiction. For that matter, it may be considered that the work, in connection with the Trivandrum Electric supply will be on a par with the P. W. D. Workshops Division, Trivandrum, where the amount of expenditure involved may be the same as that of the Trivandrum Electric Sub Division. I do not think, however that the revenue in the P. W. D. Workshops is as much as that of the Electrical Department. With the creation of the Quilon Electric

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Supply, a separate agency has to be set up for controlling the work there and to attend to the collection of revenue; and it is expected that the revenue at Quilon will be about ½ a lakh of rupees per annum. In Trivandrum, the collection amounts to Rs. 2 lakhs. Moreover, extensions are contemplated for the next year in view of the requests from the Telephone subscribers and new extension of the service lines In these circumstances to make the Assistant Engineer responsible for all these works is, in my opinion, not a wise step. There must be a controlling officer to effectively supervise all the works in connection with the Trivandrum and Quilon Electrical works. It is with a view to safeguard the better control not only of the technical work but also of works involving regularisation of the expenditure and revenue that this post has been created. In the light of my explanations, I hope the member will withdraw his motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know what are the qualifications for the officer who will be appointed as an Executive Engineer?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): The question of appointment has not yet been taken up by Government probably it will be taken up after the budget has been sanctioned, and after formal sanction has been given to the proposal. But I may say the appointment will go to an officer of sufficient experience, say, at least 10 or 12 years' experience not only in the executive but also in the administrative capacity.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether there is any officer in the P. W. Department satisfying these conditions?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): There is no one at present.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Is the member's idea for an outsider being got down for this post?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*) : Probably from outside the State.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Has the Electrical Engineer any person in view to the post?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*) : I have none in view and the selection of the candidate entirely rests with Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Sir, I do not want to press this motion. I hope that, at the end of a period of 3 years, this office will not be made permanent. It should be really temporary for three years. Hence I beg to withdraw my motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Does the member give any undertaking?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*) The proposal is now for three years only.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Motion No 257.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I beg to move:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,35,075 for working expenses by Re. 1.

It is with a view to discuss the necessity of admitting and training at least 50 students in the Power House every year for the coming 5 years.

Sir, the work that is being undertaken by the Electrical Engineer is a stupendous one and the money allotted for that purpose is a very big amount and it is further stated that it is a reproductive work. It is contended from the Government side, and it is equally admitted by us also, that the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme, when completed after the lapse of three years, will revolutionise the industrial condition of the land to a very great extent. If I remember correctly, I think, Mr. Menon said that as a result of the completion of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme he would be able not only to revolutionise the industrial condition of the State but also to solve the problem of unemployment that exists in the State. If the promise or the solution that he has advanced ought to be realised, it is essential that some people ought to be got trained, at least 50 persons ought to be trained under the department in the electrical works in order to carry on the works that require some expert knowledge and training so far as the man to be taken for the work is concerned. For that purpose I would request Government to issue the necessary orders to the Electrical Engineer to see that at least 50 students are admitted for training in the Power House at Thampanur every year.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member on which basis the member arrived at the figure 50?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I have been pointing out, Sir, that the number 50 is only an approximate number and I have no objection to raising the number, if the Power House can conveniently accommodate more students.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You mean 50 is the minimum.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is only the minimum number, Sir.

I think it is possible only to train a minimum or maximum, whatever it might be, number of 50 students every year because the Power House may not hold more students for training.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: So, according to the member, 50 is the maximum number because of want of accommodation in the Power House.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): If the Electrical Engineer is in a position to admit more students for training, as far as I am concerned, I would only welcome that idea. Now some students are selected in the Sri Mulam Technical School and some other schools --

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that some of those who have come out successful from that school are now without any employment?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Yes, I am aware that some of the students who have come out successful from that school are wandering about in search of employment. But that is no ground why technical training, that would fit young men to pursue various walks of life here or outside, shall not be given. In technical study lies the salvation of our people and the good of the educated young men in the State.

Sir, with regard to the admission of students for training in the Sri Mulam Technical School, I have got one suggestion to make. The age fixed for admission in the above Technical School is between 17 and 19. This age limit is very hard. In certain cases it works serious havoc. Best and deserving students fail to get admission.

I know as a matter of fact that, in very many institutions, students pass the School Final examination after they attain their 19th year. So what I submit is that no age limit shall be fixed for admission to the students for training in the Power House attached to the Electrical Department. If an age limit ought to be fixed, the maximum age should be fixed as 25. Because if we fix the age between 17 and 19, Sir, many deserving students would fail to secure the admission sought for.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I must tell you Mr. Nair, I do not follow you.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, if we fix the age limit between 17 and 19 the students who get through the S. S. L. C. Examination would naturally prefer to go in for higher education and the Department would not be able to secure the best and deserving students for training in the Power House.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : Does the member suggest that people 50 years of age may be appointed ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : You may appoint any one of any age. What I meant by my suggestion is that the age limit of 19 may be extended further so that the department may get, good, able, healthy and sturdy students for training and that the option of selecting the students and fixing the age limit might be left with the Electrical Engineer, and that if he is satisfied that a particular person or student has a special knack and a born aptitude for the study of the technical subjects to be taught, he, irrespective of his age, might be permitted to join the class and undergo training.

In this connection, I further beg to submit that there are ever so many people in the land who have got some knowledge or otherwise of the technical side of the department. For example I can point out ever so many motor drivers who, if they are entertained for training, would turn out to be good expert workmen so far as the works of this Department are concerned.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The House will now adjourn to meet again tomorrow at 11'O clock.

The House adjourned at 5-8 P. M.

K. MADHAVA KURUP,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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